Assistance to adivasis displaced by bauxite mining in Visakhapatnam

*32. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate measures have been taken to help landless poor tribals displaced by bauxite mining in areas of Visakhapatnam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to ensure that adivasis are not deprived of their rights in their domain?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) As per the information received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, there are not leases for Bauxite in Visakhapatnam and consequently there is no displacement of tribals due to bauxite mining in Visakhapatnam.

(b) and (c) In view of (a) above, do not arise.

Contribution of EDUSAT

*33. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that EDUSAT, India's first satellite dedicated exclusively for educational services will shortly become operational to boost the satellite-based distance education programmes in the country;

(b) if so, the detailed features of the EDUSAT;

(c) the details of steps taken to publicise its role and the contribution EDUSAT can make so that educational institutions, professional organizations, etc. can use its capabilities for their educational and other training programmes; and

(d) the details of action plan drawn up to equip the schools, colleges etc. with the required terminals etc., State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) EDUSAT is primarily meant for providing connectivity to school, college and higher level of education and also to support non-formal